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Di Bond at Martin Mere.

Martin Mere hails volunteers who helped wetland centre get through tough year

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre has paid tribute to its army of volunteers who helped the site get through the past, difficult year. From testing water samples to answering the phones, many of the more than 100 numbers of volunteers put their fears about Covid-19 aside to help make sure Martin Mere came out of the pandemic in as strong a position as possible.

At the same time, volunteers have spoken about how their work has helped with their own mental health.

At Martin Mere this includes Southport-based Di Bond who has been volunteering at Martin Mere since 2015. Di said her partner

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LUXURY LODGES PLAN 'WILL BOOST VISITOR ECONOMY'

Proposal to build seven suites in woodland grounds of Moor Hall restaurant put forward

Report by Henry James

LUXURY woodland lodges could be built within the grounds of restaurant Moor Hall in Aughton under proposals which bosses at the venue say could create new jobs and attract nearly £2million in visitor spending to the area each year.

The double Michelin star Moor Hall opened in April 2017 following investment of more than £10million in the restoration and redevelopment of the Grade II listed building and five acres of surrounding grounds.

The seven suites would create 15 new jobs in addition to the 85 staff who currently work at the site, and the owners believe it will bring an additional



How the woodland lodges will look like in the grounds of Moor Hall restaurant, inset

£50,000 into the local area each year and generate £1.8m in expenditure in the wider visitor economy every year.

The new lodges would have a lounge area, bathroom, bedroom and an outdoor terrace.

The planning statement for the application states: "Growing demand for the restaurant and overnight

accommodation has prompted the applicant to seek to develop an additional seven visitor accommodation units within the grounds.

"The intention is not to alter the nature of the venue.

"Rather, it is to enable a modest number of additional guests to experience the food and drink offer and stay overnight.

"Most guests are expected to only stay one night, in line with onsite trends to date."

According to the planning statement, the effect of the visitor accommodation units on the Grade II building "will be less than substantial and will be clearly outweighed by the benefits of sustaining the successful operation of Moor Hall, the benefits it brings to the local economy and the benefits of maintain a listed building in a viable use."

The document states that, "the potential impact on ecology, trees, highways and drainage are found to "be acceptable."

It is believed the proposal will contribute to the local visitor economy, bring financial investment to the site and the area, and create new jobs in the construction and operation phases.

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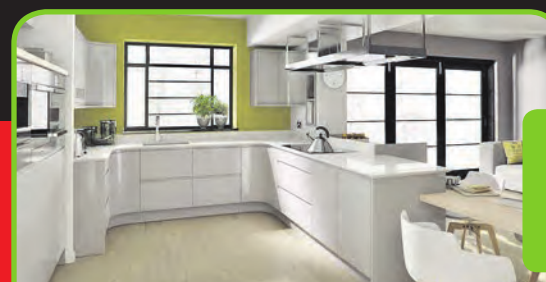
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MP among politicians to grill Cummings at inquiry

THE borough's MP Rosie Cooper was among politicians who grilled former chief adviser to the Prime Minister, Dominic Cummings, at the recent joint inquiry into lessons learned from the pandemic.

Cummings came before the Health and Social Care and the Science and Technology committees on Wednesday, May 26, and was highly critical of the government's decision-making during the last year, and in particular slammed the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock.

Following this, Rosie Cooper MP said: "On the face of it, Dominic Cummings' statements about the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, are terrifying."

"The families of the over one hundred thousand people that have died with Covid in the UK will undoubtedly be shocked and deeply saddened to hear what was said."

"Staff and the families of those who died in Care Homes will also be angry that their loved ones may have 'died needlessly' because of the incompetence

claimed by Mr Cummings. Over the next few weeks, I will be watching closely to see what evidence is provided to back up this and any other revelations."

At the inquiry Ms Cooper asked Cummings a number of questions and they included: "How would you rate the performance of the Department of Health and Social Care and the Secretary of State? Outstanding? Good? Requires improvement? Or, inadequate, and why?"

Mr Cummings answered: "The Secretary of State for Health should have been fired for at least 15 or 20 things, including lying to everybody on multiple occasions, in meeting after meeting in the Cabinet room, and publicly."

He added: "As I said in my opening statement, I think that there is no doubt that many senior people performed below the standards that the country has a right to expect."

"The Secretary of State for Health is certainly one of those people. I said repeatedly to the Prime Minister that he should be fired, so did the Cabinet Secretary, so did many other senior people."

Mr Hancock has refuted the claims.



Dominic Cummings

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New chief inspector aims to 'build more trust and confidence with the community'

ORMSKIRK and Skelmersdale Police has welcomed a new Chief Inspector and he has said his priority is to "build more trust and confidence with the community."

CI Abbott is looking forward to taking on his new role. He said: "It's fantastic to be back in West Lancashire."

"I've gone full circle from working in Skelmersdale as Sergeant to coming back as a Chief Inspector."

"It means a lot to me to come back and serve the local community of West Lancashire. I want to work with members of the public and my priority is to listen to people, to build more trust and confidence with the community and let them know



CI Chris Abbott.

that we will act on the priorities they tell us about.

"One of the ways people can tell us about their concerns is through Lancashire Talking (www.stayintheknow.co.uk/LancashireTalking) and I would encourage communities to sign



up, our neighbourhood teams can then act upon those concerns."

CI Abbott will also be responsible for the new Skelmersdale Police Station which will reopen later this year. He added: "The station will be at the heart of West Lancashire and is going to allow us to be more effective in keeping people safe. We are really looking forward to moving back to Skelmersdale."

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Booths supermarket boss liked Edgar's fruity salad so much he's now their youngest supplier!

Healthy snack he calls 'famly fuit' which he makes with his mum now available in stores

Report by **Henry James**

WHEN Edgar Johnson, from Mere Brow, contacted Booths supermarkets for advice about his brand of fruit snack pots called 'Famly Fuit' at the age of six, he had no idea they would reply and make him their youngest supplier.

Edgar, now aged seven, wrote to Booths director, Graham Booth, about his 'kitchen table' start-up business making healthy fruit salads, which he started up with his mum, Jane Johnson.

Edgar's mum is on a gluten free diet, which makes fresh fruit salad, the perfect family pudding - "family fuit" is what Edgar calls it.

Edgar was convinced his mother's recipe should be sold in supermarkets and set about to making it happen.

Jane Johnson said: "It all came from Edgar, he thought the salad was so good it was worth sharing and he designed the logo himself, we started packaging it up for local bake sales and farmer's markets and it just took off."

Interested in how the supermarkets make up and retail fruit pots, Edgar wrote to Graham Booth, who put them in touch with the fruit buyer David Morris.

Initially, the Booths team gave Edgar and his mum a virtual tour of Booths manufacturing (due to Covid restrictions), but the team felt Edgar's fruit pots might have wider appeal.

David encouraged Edgar and Jane to apply for the 'Meet the Buyer' day and after a successful online pitching session, Edgar and Jane struck a deal to supply the fruit pots to stores local to the family in Burscough and Hesketh Bank.

Fresh produce buyer David Morris said: "We were really impressed with Edgar's initiative and entrepreneurial spirit."

"We're so used to seeing products, particularly



Edgar and his mum Jane Johnson with his 'famly fuit' pots.

unhealthy ones, marketed to children.

"Having a healthy nutritious product marketed by a child, seemed a good turn of the tables and something we might try to sell in our stores."

"Anything that encourages children to eat more

healthily and encourage an interest in selling top quality food and drink gets a thumbs up from Booths."

Edgar's Family Fruit Pots are now available in Burscough and Hesketh Bank Booths.

Martin Mere hails its volunteers who helped keep it going through tough year

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in 2014, and she wanted something to occupy her mind. "I didn't feel ready to give up altogether," she added.

Starting from day one on the front desk giving out information and greeting visitors, Di has always enjoyed the social element of the role.

This also includes taking people on guided tours of the grounds - which she has been given training to do.

Although Di has not been able to work through the lockdowns, she did return to Martin Mere for a couple of months last year and is now back at work again.

"It's absolutely wonderful to be back, it brings some sort of normality into your day," she said. "The schools are coming back now and it's really good to see the children arriving, so excited."

Di also said how beneficial volunteering at Martin Mere was for her wellbeing.

"You build up real friendships in your team, people who all have a common interest. There is a real sense of community."

Nick Brooks, centre manager, said: "I am immensely grateful to all our volunteers, including those who carried on working right through lockdowns but also those who have not yet been able to return but have expressed a readiness and willingness to come back when they can."

"We really couldn't have reopened without them and they have come back with so much motivation and enthusiasm, it really makes you realise how important Martin Mere is to the mental health of not just our volunteers, but to our visitors as well."

"I really want to pay tribute to all of them both those who have returned and those waiting to come back and say a huge thank you for all the work they have done, both before, during and since the end of the lockdowns over the past year. "And as things hopefully start to get back to normal."

WWT recently launched a new scheme called Blue Prescribing which aims to promote wellbeing in people experiencing mental health problems.

Dr Jonathan Reeves, WWT's principal research officer (Health and Wellbeing) said there was growing evidence that being in nature can reduce stress, anxiety and depression.

If you are interested in volunteering at Martin Mere visit www.wwt.org.uk/volunteer and click on volunteering opportunities.

Pupils helped to study environment thanks to 'astounding generosity of community'

AS part of the school's 'Animal Kingdom' theme, the children in Year 4 at St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Ormskirk have studied environmental issues such as recycling, waste and how plastic affects animals and insects.

The pupils took a particular interest in what they could do for their local environment and how they could help creatures on their school grounds, so they decided to build bug hotels.

First, they had to design their hotel and plan what materials they would use.

A spokesperson for the school said: "The generosity from the parents, carers and local community was astounding. The children worked really hard to collect other natural materials to create stable, permanent structures."

The pupils added: "It was really fun -



Some of the pupils at St Anne's Catholic Primary School who took part in the project

everyone enjoyed it! We even traded materials with other groups to help each other. We want the bugs in our school grounds to be protected from predators and humans."

The school spokesperson added: "The hotels have been a great success

as the children use them at break times for their fruit waste and there has been lots of different creepy-crawly residents!"

Meanwhile the children across the whole school have taken part in a five day 'Walk to School Week' challenge - an initiative to encourage 'greener' ways to travel to school, as well as giving the children the opportunity to begin the day in a healthy way.

The children used their Maths skills to gather data about their journey to school and made posters promoting the eco value of walking to school.

They also celebrated the week by designing 'happy feet' to create a beautiful outdoor display to promote their passion for their local environment.

The Y2 pupils commented: "Walk to School Week is really important because it keeps us healthy and saves the environment."

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Merseyrail wins award for third year in a row

MERSEYRAIL has again been recognised as the best performing regional rail operator at this year's Golden Whistle Awards.

This is the third year in a row that the train operator has won this award, which they say proves they are consistently one of the most punctual rail operators in the country.

The train company broke a national performance record earlier this year by completing an entire 28-day period with 99 per cent of its trains arriving on time or within 5 minutes (Public Performance Measure - PPM) – a first for the UK rail industry.

The awards, which are organised by Modern Railways and the Institution of Railway Operators, are dedicated to those working with railway operations and are based on operational performance statistics.

Zoe Hands, Operations Director at Merseyrail, said: "I'm delighted that our corner of the world continues to have the best performing railway, which is not only great for our customers, but something the region can be proud of."

"It has been a hugely challenging year and we've been able to operate a timely service throughout and are offering greater frequency and capacity at every opportunity."

"I'd like to extend my thanks to our partners at Merseytravel, Stadler, British Transport Police, Carlisle and Network Rail who work with us day in and day out to achieve these levels of performance – it wouldn't have been possible without them."

MP Rosie Cooper drawn in Private Members Bill ballot

THE borough's MP Rosie Cooper was among the 20 Members lucky enough to have been drawn in this year's Private Members Bill Ballot.

The successful MPs will now introduce their chosen bills on the fifth sitting Wednesday of the session, on June 16. It is up to the Members themselves to decide on their bill's topic.

In advance of the draw, which takes place at the start of every parliamentary session, MPs wishing to participate in the ballot entered their name against a number by email.

The Chairman of Ways and Means – the Rt Hon Dame Eleanor Laing – then drew 20 numbered ballot balls before reading out the names of the successful MPs.

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Dr Darran Harris, clinical lead for Hants Lane Clinic, with volunteers

Volunteers praised for 'invaluable' contribution to vaccination rollout

VOLUNTEERS across West Lancashire have been praised for their 'invaluable' contribution to the Covid-19 vaccination rollout.

The North West Vaccine Heroes campaign has launched, celebrating the role of all staff and volunteers who have given their time to assist in the NHS's largest vaccination drive in history.

More than one million people across the Lancashire and South Cumbria region have received at least a first dose of a Covid-19 vaccine. In West Lancashire, the latest figures show more than 70,000 have received a first jab.

Vaccination is taking place at four sites across West Lancashire. There are GP-led vaccination sites at: Birleywood Health Centre (Skelmersdale), The Old People's Club (Burscough) and Hants Lane Clinic

(Ormskirk), as well as a pharmacy-led site at Edge Hill University.

Volunteers have been a central part of the programme, giving up thousands of hours of their own time.

In Ormskirk clinical lead for the Hants Lane Clinic site, Dr Darran Harris, welcomed a group of volunteers for a socially-distanced lunch on Tuesday (May 18) as a mark of thanks and appreciation for their efforts so far.

The clinic has administered more than 28,000 doses so far, aided by volunteers who have helped with a range of tasks to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the site.

Dr Harris, also a local GP at Aughton Surgery, said: "Put simply, we would not have been able to run these clinics without our committed team of volun-

teers and I know this is the same for the other sites across West Lancashire, whether it be working on the operational running of the site or providing a friendly welcome for elderly patients who weren't otherwise able to leave home due to shielding in the earlier days of the programme."

Jane Dunn, a volunteer at Ormskirk and retired former NHS worker, has contributed more than 300 hours of her own time to help with the running at Hants Lane.

The theme of dedicated volunteers has been consistent across West Lancashire. At the Old People's Club in Burscough the 29th Ormskirk Scout Group, led by Brian Smith, have been instrumental in the Covid-19 rollout for residents in the Northern Parishes, providing logistical and on-the-ground support.

Anger after men are acquitted in Hillsborough trial

Judge rules retired police officers and ex-solicitor 'had no case to answer'

Report by **Tom Martin**

TWO retired police officers and an ex-solicitor accused of altering police statements after the Hillsborough disaster have been acquitted.

Retired Ch Supt Donald Denton, retired Det Ch Insp Alan Foster and former solicitor Peter Metcalf had denied perverting the course of justice.

Mr Justice William Davis ruled they had no case to answer.

He said this was not a statutory inquiry and therefore not considered 'a court of law', so it was not a 'course of public justice' which could be perverted.

Prosecutor Sarah Whitehouse QC said they would not seek leave to appeal against the judge's decision. Some of the 96 fans who lost their lives were from Sefton and West Lancashire, including Kevin Williams, 15, from Formby, as well as Dave Rimmer, 38, and Colin Sefton, 23, both from Skelmersdale.

Hillsborough campaigner Margaret Aspinall, whose son James died in the disaster, said the ruling was 'an absolute mockery' and a 'shambles'.

Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, who campaigned with the Hillsborough families, said: "We've given it our all but our all was not enough to

secure any accountability for the 96 unlawful deaths on British soil."

A statement from Liverpool FC read: "It is with huge disappointment that Liverpool Football Club notes the latest developments in the judicial process relating to the Hillsborough disaster.

"While it would not be our place, legally or otherwise, to comment on those proceedings



Kevin Williams from

as they pertain to individuals, it is incumbent on us to forcefully point out that the 96 victims, their families, survivors and all those who suffered as a result of the Hillsborough tragedy have continuously been failed in their pursuit for justice.

"We salute all those who have campaigned for justice. They have been let down yet again.

"We have a situation in which 96 people were unlawfully killed and yet no individual or group has been deemed legally culpable for their deaths.

"As ever, our thoughts are with the families, survivors and campaigners and we would reiterate that, as established by the 2016 inquests, the behaviour of our supporters was not a contributory factor in the disaster, a truth for which the bereaved families had to fight for over a quarter of a century. The 96 will never be forgotten."

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Cycle lane roadworks causing traffic chaos for fed-up motorists

Report by **Henry James**

ROADWORKS to create cycle lanes on a busy street in Ormskirk have been causing a 'traffic nightmare' for motorists.

Derby Ward Councillor, Ian Davis has called on the County Council to do more to tackle the traffic congestion resulting from the temporary roadworks installing the new cycle lane on St Helens Road in Ormskirk.

The county council has responded by saying they are "sorry for any inconvenience caused, and grateful for people's patience, while these improvements are ongoing."

Our West Lancashire Councillor Davis said: "Clearly, the roadworks have to take place to construct the cycle lane, but the traffic congestion is significant."

"I and my ward councillor colleagues have received complaints from residents and local taxi drivers."

"My wife almost missed a critical medical appointment because of the knock-on congestion from the roadworks. It can take 35 minutes at the worst times to get through town from the Skelmersdale direction with



Our West Lancashire Councillor Ian Davis

traffic queuing back almost to Ormskirk School."

He continued: "I'm calling on the County Council to review what can be done to improve matters. They should revisit the timing on the temporary traffic lights for a start."

"I've also had reports of the roadworks ending at 3pm every day. As these road works are responsible for significant delays to thousands of local people every day, that's not good enough."

"The County Council should note the congestion and speed

up the completion of the works so that they are finished as soon as possible."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council responded: "The work to make this busy junction safer for pedestrians and cyclists and upgrade the traffic signals can only be carried out safely with temporary lights in place, which means that some level of disruption is unavoidable, and we're sorry for any inconvenience caused, and grateful for people's patience, while these improvements are ongoing."

"To help minimise queues and keep traffic flowing as efficiently as possible the temporary lights are manually controlled at peak times in the morning and evening rather than being on an automatic timed system."

"The final phase of this project began on Thursday, May 27, with work continuing during the day to install the new signals, and the junction being fully closed overnight from 8pm to 7am for resurfacing work, with signed diversions in place."

"As long as no delays are caused by bad weather this is due to be completed on Friday, June 11, with the final work to set the timings on the new signals due to take place on Monday, June 14."



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Martin Charlton, the managing director at Charlton Minicoaches with representatives from Woodlands Animal Sanctuary

Animal sanctuary is backed by newly appointed bus firm

Report by **Henry James**

CHARLTON Minicoaches Ltd, who have recently taken over running the local Ormskirk and Aughton circular bus service (5/6), has shown their support for Woodlands Animal Sanctuary.

The company has placed an advert free of charge on the back of their bus to raise awareness of the Holmeswood charity.

Cards and gift shop, The Cottage in Ormskirk has also allowed them to use their Ormskirk Skyline artwork on the bus as the company "really wanted to give the bus a local feel so we are glad we have been able to team up with another local business."

Martin Charlton, managing director at Charlton Minicoaches said: "It's great to be running this local bus service again. We used to run it over 15 years ago so it's great to be doing it again."

"We are happy we have been able to put an advert on the back of the bus to raise awareness of local charity Woodlands Animal Sanctuary and the great work they do looking after ill, unwanted and neglected animals."

"We would like to thank Janet and Hilton Peacock at The Cottage in Ormskirk for allowing us to use their Ormskirk Skyline Artwork on our bus. We think it looks great and it serves as a tribute to our little town of Ormskirk. Make sure you keep an eye out for it when you see us driving around Ormskirk and Aughton!"

Lou at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary added: "The support from Charlton Minicoaches is tremendous and we are incredibly grateful to them for everything they have done for us. The picture of our donkey duo, Beanie and Dolly, looks amazing on the back of the bus and I'm sure it will make plenty of people smile as they go past!"

Janet Peacock proprietor at The Cottage commented: "We at The Cottage realised that local people were very proud of their town as we often got asked if we had cards and gifts representing Ormskirk to send to family and friends. As we were very familiar with the iconic buildings in Ormskirk we came up with the idea as representing them as a skyline."

Hilton Peacock who is also a local stained glass artist, designed the skyline image which we had printed on to cards, mugs, tea towels, keyrings and coasters.

"We now sell these products exclusively through our shop in Church View Court and in our online store."

Pupils help choose shortlisted titles for book award

PUPILS from Lathom High School in Skelmersdale and Up Holland High School have been involved in choosing the shortlisted titles for the Lancashire Book of the Year 2021 Award.

Lancashire Book of the Year remains one of the few book awards where young people themselves are totally responsible for drawing up the shortlist and choosing the overall winner.

Students from 21 high schools across the county have voted for their favourite books from the longlist, and have selected an exciting shortlist which represents the best of Young Adult fiction.

The shortlisted authors and books

are: Rob Harrell, Wink; Ben Oliver, The Loop; Jenny Oliver, Chelsea High; Amanda K Morgan, Five Little Liars; Kesia Lupo, We Are Bound By Stars; SA Domingo, Love on the Main Stage; Kerry Drewery, The Last Paper Crane; Nathan Parker, The Rise of the Chemist; Christina Hammonds Reed, The Black Kids; Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick, On Midnight Beach; and Danielle Jawando, And the Stars Were Burning Brightly.

The winning author of the Lancashire Book of the Year 2021 Award will be decided by pupils from schools across the county and announced at a virtual event in late September.

Julie Bell, Lancashire County Council's head of service for libraries,

museums, culture and archives, said: "Being introduced to books at any age is vital for instilling a love of reading that can stay with you for the rest of your life."

"Lancashire Book of the Year is widely recognised as an important and prestigious award for brilliant Young Adult Fiction. It's great to see young people actively selecting the shortlist themselves, and developing crucial critical thinking skills."

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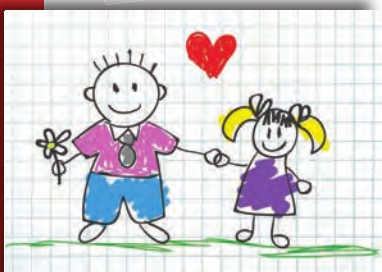
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NHS Trusts awarded Freedom of Borough

Highest honour bestowed on Seftons 'jewel in the crown' health organisations

AINTREE and Liverpool University NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust have been granted 'Freedom of the Borough' by Sefton Council.

The local authority made the decision at a Cabinet meeting on Thursday, May 27 to show their appreciation of their hard work during the pandemic.

The Champion reported last week how Council officers were considering bestowing the honour on the two trusts.

It is the highest honour the council can bestow on an individual or organisation. It means those receiving the award has 'the right, privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of the borough on all ceremonial occasions with colours flying, bands playing,

drums beating and bayonets fixed'.

Cllr Ian Maher Sefton Council Leader wanted to stress how special the award is, explaining how Freedom of the Borough has only ever been given on a handful of occasions.

He said: "Freedom of the Borough is not something we give easily in Sefton. I can only think of four or five previous occasions when we have awarded it."

"This is about recognising staff in our health service going above and beyond. During the early pandemic when they didn't have the equipment to protect themselves, but they still went in to work and put themselves at risk."

"We give Freedom of the Borough to people and organisations for exceptional reasons and there can be no more exceptional

reason than NHS staff at all levels, putting themselves in potential harm's way to protect our residents and communities."

Scrolls of Honorary Freemen and organisations awarded Freedom of Entry to the Borough are displayed in the Mayor's Parlour at Bootle and Southport Town Halls.

The costs of the scroll and reception for Aintree and Liverpool University NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust would be financed from the Mayoral Hospitality budget provision.

Cllr Maher said the Aintree and Liverpool University and Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trusts "illustrate perfectly why the National Health Service is seen by most as the jewel in Britain's crown".

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Animal poacher banned from rural areas of borough

Man allowed his dogs to cruelly maim and kill wild rabbits and hares

Report by **Henry James**

A DOG owner has been given a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) after being sentenced for offences including animal poaching and is now excluded from entering vast areas around West Lancashire and Sefton.

Daniel Ratchford, 36, of Wellfield Road, Wigan is now excluded for five years from all rural areas between Ormskirk and the Sefton coast, between Ormskirk and Crosby, Maghull, Kirkby and between Wigan and Lancashire around the Douglas Valley.

It also prevents him from being part of a group of two or more people who are in control of any dog anywhere in England, as well as prohibiting him from trespassing on any land and from acting in a manner likely to cause harassment or distress.

Ratchford was given the order after previously being found guilty of four poaching offences, hunting wild animals with dogs and five breaches of a Dog Disqualification Order.

In addition to the CBO, he was also handed a 32 week custodial sentence suspended for two years, a 16-week 7pm-6am tagged curfew, Rehabilitation Order, lifetime prohibition from keeping dogs and all of his dogs were forfeited to police for rehoming.

An investigation into Ratchford began after police received information that he was committing poaching offences on private farmland, allowing his Lurcher-cross dogs to kill wild rabbits and hares.

As a result, Lancashire's South Rural Task Force, along with Merseyside Police's Wildlife Crime Unit



Daniel Ratchford

and RSPCA Special Operations Unit, executed a warrant at Ratchford's property in the early hours of Thursday, March 11.

Five dogs were found inside, in breach of his lifetime disqualification which he was given in 2014.

Speaking after the sentencing, PC Paddy Stewart, Rural Crime Officer in Lancashire's South Rural Task Force said: "Ratchford allowed his dogs to cruelly maim and kill rabbits and hares.

"Offenders like Ratchford know that animals like hares don't die instantly after one bite from a dog, they are often unsuccessfully grabbed several times, causing graphic injuries and distress

"And that's if they survive; the vast majority die suffering and screaming in agonising pain.

Police are calling on the rural communities enforce Ratchford's CBO. If people see him committing any breaches of the order, they should call police on 101.



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GP patients still to be given telephone assessments despite lockdown easing

Face-to-face appointments only offered when 'deemed necessary and safe' by doctor

Report by **Henry James**

THERE are no plans to start offering more face-to-face GP appointments in West Lancashire, despite the recent lockdown easing.

GPs will therefore continue to prioritise the use of telephone and video assessments, with patients only asked to attend in person when it is 'deemed necessary' and can be done in a safe way.

The NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) say that the threat of infection from COVID-19 still exists within local communities, and patients are being asked to continue to follow guidance in place and take the necessary precautions such as wearing face coverings and practicing good hygiene.

Dr Peter Gregory, local GP and chair at NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "GP practices are open and have been providing GP services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"They have learned during the pandemic, that they can conduct consultations very well with the



Dr Peter Gregory

vast majority of patients using digital technology. The majority of common conditions can be assessed and diagnosed by your GP by telephone or video consultation.

"However, as has been the case throughout the pandemic, if your GP feels that a face to face appointment is required and it is safe to do so, this will be arranged for you.

"Accessing your GP in the correct way for your specific medical need will help to protect you, your family and loved ones - and GP practice staff from the potential risk of the virus.

"Your GP can now also offer additional services, such as

physiotherapy. Or they may refer you to a local pharmacy who can also offer clinical consultations for many common illnesses and conditions.

"GP Practices have been busy throughout the pandemic continuing to provide support to patients as well as being an important part of the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Patients are being reminded that staff are here to help and should be treated with kindness and respect."

GP practice buildings are public buildings and as such must be kept Covid-secure.

New ways of providing GP services have been introduced in order to maintain people's access to a GP practice team while protecting them, others and staff.

Triage (making an assessment of people's condition and prioritising care accordingly) is an important part of how GP practices work. This has always been in place but has been vitally important during the pandemic.

● **What do readers think?**
Should GPs be offering more face-to-face appointments?
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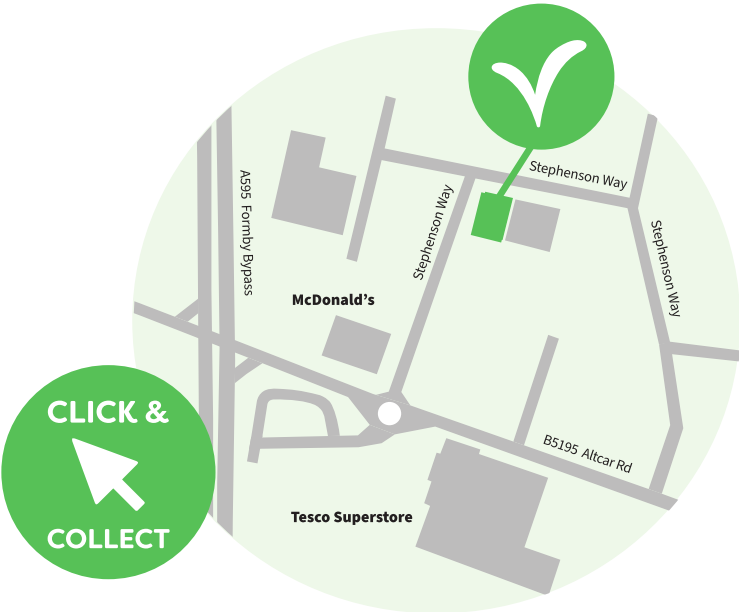
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Police are still looking for these witnesses for information on the assault.

Police appeal over sickening assault

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE are continuing to appeal for information on an "appalling attack" on a man in Skelmersdale which left him with shocking injuries.

The 37-year old victim was found with serious injuries near Ferndale, Birch Green, at around 7.30am on Easter Sunday (April 4).

Following investigation, officers believe the man was earlier attacked in Firbeck after the offenders had asked the victim for money.

He suffered multiple fractures and as a result, heavy swelling to his face.

As part of the investigation, officers want to speak to the two people, pictured, who could help with their enquiries.

The person on the bike is pictured at around 5am close to the Co-Op bank and Whelmar Road, with the second image showing a person wearing a bobble hat, again near to the Co-Op bank and Whel-

mar Road, around 6am.

Det Sgt Diane Higham, of Skelmersdale CID, said: "This was an utterly appalling attack which left a man with shocking injuries.

"Despite a number of appeals for information, we are no nearer to identifying these two individuals.

"We want to speak to these two people, and I would make a direct appeal to them today - if this was you, please come forward with information. We need to speak to you as soon as possible and believe you were in the area some time between 4am and 6am.

"I would encourage anyone with information about the attack to come forward and speak to us."

A 17-year-old and 19-year-old from Skelmersdale arrested in connection with the assault remain on bail pending further enquiries.

Anyone with information can call 101 quoting log 0290 of April 4.

Alternatively, you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

Can you give a home to '80-year-old' Sweep?

CAN you give a home to an elderly dog who loves trips in the car and snoozing on the sofa?

Yorkshire terrier Sweep, who is 16 (or 80 in dog years) - ended up in the care of the RSPCA Southport, Ormskirk & District branch in October after his owner passed away and has been enjoying life in his foster home but is now ready to find a permanent home to live out his retirement.

Ellen Dobson, from the animal centre, said: "Sweep is an absolute delight and is utterly adorable. He may be an older boy but he's young at heart and is surprisingly alert

and spritely given his age.

"He enjoys going out for walks - long or short - and loves to have a sniff and snuffle around the garden. He loves going for trips out in the car and exploring new places.

"He adores spending time with people and is quite content snuggling up on the sofa, and he enjoys watching the world go by out the window."

Sweep is looking for a home with adults or older teenage children where he'll be the only pet. Staff believe he'll be best suited to a home with a single person as he can become quite attached to one individual quickly.



Sweep

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Cycle lane work causing traffic chaos

It recently it took me more than 40 minutes to travel from Ormskirk Hospital to Morrisons supermarket.

The problem stems from road works taking place at the junction of Park Road, St Helens Road and Ruff Lane.

The County Council website gives the following explanation, 'Ormskirk eastern gateway treatment' but I don't know what that is supposed to mean.

It also states 'upgrading traffic signals, crossings and cycle lane.'

I suspect that means it was decided because there was government money available someone decided to spend it on a couple of hundred yards of cycle lane and that the traffic signal upgrading and crossings are due to the cycle lane.

I would be interested to know the reason for the cycle lane and just how many cyclists they expect to use it in the next 12 months?

It leads from a point in the town unlikely to be used by many cyclists to the end of a road which would mainly benefit Edge Hill University students.

It really does seem a dreadful waste of public money to say nothing of the cost to those held up in the traffic jams.

Colin Gray,
Ormskirk

Apparently I'm responsible for rain outside my house!

I have just received my water bill for September 2020 until March 2021, and, with one exception the amounts charged are reasonable.

However, I am puzzled by the largest single item on the bill: Rainwater Removal, at £103.46 per year.

On further investigation, it appears that, not only am I responsible for the water I draw and dispose of throughout the day, I am also responsible for the rain that falls on my property.

But wait.

That's not all!

The rain that falls on the road outside my house is also my responsibility!

Now, I consider myself a reasonable man, and I accept that someone has to pay to remove the excess rainwater which can't be absorbed by the earth, but if I have to pay for a service, then I

expect it to be done

The reports of flooding, particularly in Burscough, seem to be rising inexorably, which surely demonstrates that United Utilities is not doing what it charges for.

If we assume there are 3,500 houses in Burscough, and they all pay £103 per year, then UU is raking in £360,500 for a service they don't perform!

There are 21 parishes in West Lancashire, so if that figure is repeated in each, then the total for West Lancashire Borough is a staggering £7.57million per year to remove rainwater, which, at the heart of the matter, is what we're charged for when it comes out of our taps!

George Pratt,
By email

GPs 'missing in action' during pandemic failed the community

Last summer, I stood and applauded the NHS like everyone else.

If it happened now, I would be holding a banner that shouted, 'GPs, This Excludes You!'

My family's experience will be similar to the many in this region during this pandemic.

Phoning the GP, the phone ringing and ringing, but not being answered.

Then, if answered, being advised to go to A&E or the 'Drop In' centre.

I could go on with examples.

Even their fellow professionals in these places shake their heads.

The bottom line is GPs in this area have gone missing in action.

They have failed the community.

I count my family's experience as being typical of many others in this area. In fact, others have experienced much worse from the very people they turn to for medical help.

Ironically, a recent Mori poll commissioned by the NHS reported around 80% of patients saying they had experienced, 'care and concern' from their GP during the pandemic.

The pollsters had obviously not been to Maghull.

John Burns,
Maghull

Dust off your aprons for the Alzheimer's Society

Every three minutes, someone will develop dementia – that's arguably how long it will take for you to read my letter.

And this past year, life has become much tougher for those living with the condition and their families.

I know how crucial Alzheimer's Society's work is and have been an Ambassador of the charity for many years.

As we finally see a way through the pandemic, it's more important than ever for us to make sure no-

one faces dementia alone.

So if you're one of the many millions who have spent this past year perfecting your banana breads and practising your piping, why not put those efforts to good use to help Alzheimer's Society reach even more people?

Join me in dusting off your aprons for Cupcake Day on June 17 to fund Alzheimer's Society's vital services, which have been used over five million times since the pandemic began.

You could organise a delivery

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County Council's new leader installed

Report by **Henry James**

PHILLIPPA Williamson has been installed as the new leader of Lancashire County Council.

She was voted in at the first face-to-face meeting of the authority at County Hall, Preston in 15 months.

Councillor Williamson, leader of the Conservative group and county councillor for the Lancaster Rural North electoral division, replaces Geoff Driver who stepped down as leader of the Tory group and of the county council, before the recent local elections.

Prior to this month's election, Councillor Williamson served as the cabinet member for children, young people and schools.

As council leader, Councillor Williamson appoints her cabinet, which is responsible for day-to-day decision making across the full range of county council services and makes recommendations on policy, strategy and budget issues to the full council.

Councillor Williamson said: "I am looking forward to serving the people of Lancashire in my new role as leader of the council."

"The past year has been exceptionally tough for everyone because of the Covid-19 pandemic."

"Lancashire is a fantastic place to live, work and do business."

"We are really well placed as the economy bounces back and with my cabinet, I am determined to help us recover and prosper."

"Attracting inward investment, helping create jobs and opportunities whilst delivering better services and protecting our environment, are our priorities."

"I will be working closely with colleagues across

the County Council, with district councils, MPs and others, to deliver on these commitments."

"Over the past four years we have put the council on a stable financial footing. We have balanced the books, delivered services residents value, and prioritised support for the most vulnerable. I will be working hard to continue to do this."

In addition to the appointment of the new leadership, the full council meeting also saw the announcement of County Councillor Barrie Yates as its new chairman and County Councillor Peter Britcliffe as vice chairman.

The county council's cabinet are:

- County Councillor Alan Vincent, deputy leader with responsibility for resources, hr and property (county councillor for Cleveleys South & Carleton)
- County Councillor Peter Buckley, cabinet member for community and cultural services (St Anne North)
- County Councillor Charlie Edwards, cabinet member for highways and transport (Morecambe South)
- County Councillor Graham Gooch, cabinet member for adult services (South Ribblesdale West)
- County Councillor Michael

Green, cabinet member for health and wellbeing (Moss Side & Farington)

- County Councillor Jayne Rear, cabinet member for education and skills (Leyland South)

- County Councillor Aidy Riggott, cabinet member for Economic Development and Growth (county councillor for Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley)

- County Councillor Cosima Towneley, cabinet member for children and families (Burnley Rural)

- County Councillor Shaun Turner, cabinet member for environment and climate change (Wyre Rural East).



Phillippa Williamson

Very first National u3a Day being celebrated in village

UP Holland & District u3a is celebrating the first National u3a Day today Wednesday (June 2) and will take the opportunity to meet up with u3a friends and people who would like to join them.

All people no longer in full time employment are eligible to be part of the fun.

The day's events are at Up Holland Co-op Store in Ormskirk Road and St Thomas the Martyr Church, Church Street from 10am to 4.30pm.

Display tables, decorated in blue and yellow

will be set up and u3a members will be on hand to distribute National u3a leaflets, provide any person who wishes to join them with a membership pack and to answer any questions.

Three u3a members have planned a two mile Heritage walk around historic Up Holland. A map of the walk will be available on their display tables and there will be some guided walks during the day.

Up Holland will also have a variety of places providing drinks and snacks.

Chance to observe local NHS decision-making in action

RESIDENTS are being invited to see local NHS decision-making in action, again in a virtual setting.

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group's next Governing Body Meeting, will

take place on Tuesday, June 8 from 3.30pm until 4.30pm.

Members of the public wishing to observe the meeting, or raise questions relating to items on the agenda can do so by contacting

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Face masks littering estate pavements prompts clean-up

Council to erect signs in the area urging people to dispose of items responsibly

Report by **Henry James**

FACE masks being discarded on pavements in Skelmersdale have prompted the council to launch an anti-littering campaign to deal with the problem.

Following complaints from residents about the number of face masks having been thrown away and littering around the Pimbo Estate, West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper contacted the borough council to ensure the area is being cleaned.

The MP said: "Residents were rightly upset with the high level of face masks having been thrown away and littering around the Pimbo Estate."

"Having raised the matter with the local council I was pleased to hear from the head of environment services that the Clean and Green Team will be along to litter pick and that they have launched an anti-littering campaign."

"This will include a focus on wearing reusable face masks and responsibly disposing of single use ones."

"Local businesses in the area have also been contacted to help encourage their employees and customers to also act responsibly."

A spokesperson for West Lancashire Borough Council said: "We can confirm that an officer from WLBC visited Pimbo Industrial Estate and the surrounding area on May 19, 2021 and did find numerous face masks that had been discarded."



Discarded face masks on the Pimbo Estate prompted clean-up campaign from the council

"We quickly took action and the Environmental Enforcement Team are now arranging for signage to be placed in the area to deter people from littering."

"We are also actively encouraging local businesses to support this by placing the signage in buildings and outside offices."

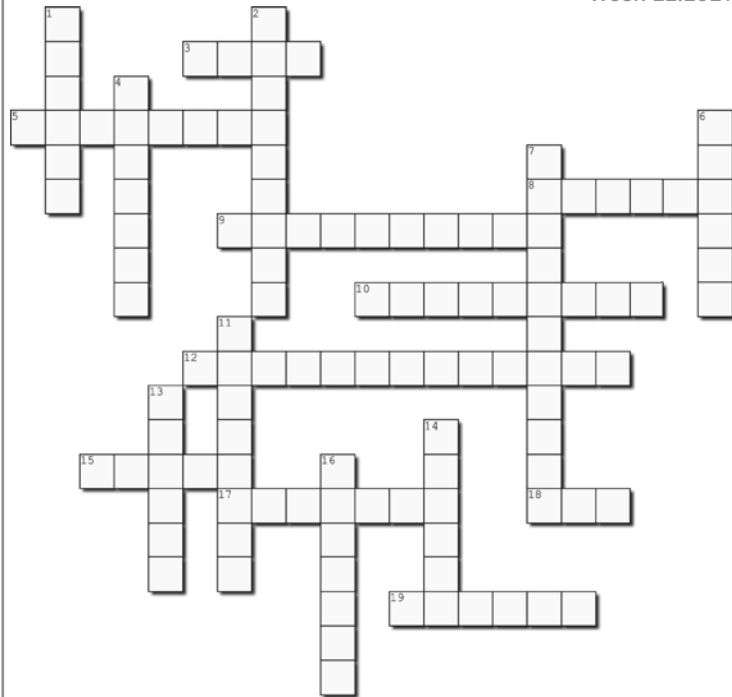
"Enforcement Officers will continue to monitor the area for any further issues."

"Additionally, officers from WLBC's Environmental Services Team launched an anti-littering campaign in February specifically around the correct disposal of single-use face masks and a series of messages are released by the council's social media platform on a regular basis."

"The aim of the campaign is to encourage people to wear re-usable face masks where possible and highlight the issues around the littering of face masks and the impact that this has on both the borough and the wider environment."

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ACROSS

- Water falling from the sky (4)
- Hold this to stay dry when it is wet (8)
- A person who writes books (6)
- No physical harm (10)
- A speech or dramatic monologue (9)
- An organised gathering of people to protest (13)
- A slanted surface (5)
- City in Georgia (7)
- State of matter that has no definite shape or volume (3)
- To go from place to place (6)

DOWN

- A person whose job it is to plant crops (6)
- Full of life (9)
- The force of one object's pull on another (7)
- A place to plant flowers or plants (6)
- A condescending attitude (11)
- To hand down (8)
- Having characteristics of an ideally perfect place (6)
- The person people follow (6)
- Colourful arc in the sky (7)

Last week's solutions:

Across: 2. Teens. 5. Italic. 9. Parable. 11. Niggling. 13. Largely. 14. Terminal.

15. Spirited. 18. Ecstasy. 19. Stun

Down: 1. Tout. 3. Sculpt. 4. UKIP. 6. Taxonomy. 7. Eyepiece. 8. Proxy. 10. Onus.

12. Persist. 16. Dirty. 17. Weird

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Unnamed Road, Ormskirk from Station Road, Ormskirk for a distance of 3m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0930 hours until 1500 hours from Tuesday 22nd June 2021 to Thursday 24th June 2021 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access for residents to and from the car park will be maintained while the closure is in place.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible owing to this being a no through road. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow poing works to clear a blockage in the carriageway to be carried out by MJ Quinn on behalf of BT.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HR/IT/28828/EW]



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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U290 BESCAR LANE, SCARBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U290 Bescar Lane, Scarbrough from X9948 Perch Pool Lane, Scarbrough for a distance of 50m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0005 hours until 0530 hours on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be accommodated.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible owing to this being a no through road. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the felling of hazardous trees suffering ash dieback, that overhang the road to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HR/IT/28091/EW]



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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE
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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Graham Appleton of 41, Booker Avenue, Liverpool, L18 4QY is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To keep an extra 1 goods vehicle at the operating centre at Skelmersdale Truckstop Ltd, 11 Paddock Road, Skelmersdale, Lancs, WN8 9PL. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

RESTRICTED VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Daniel Kenyon of Unit 1, Greenwood Business Centre, Gorsey Place, Skelmersdale, WN8 9DB is applying for a license as follows: To keep 1 access vehicle at the operating centre at Motion Graphix LTD, Unit 1, Greenwood Business Centre, Gorsey Place, Skelmersdale, WN8 9DB. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C116 Gaw Hill Lane, Aughton from A59 Liverpool Road, Main Carriageway to U961 Holly Lane, Aughton.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1800 hours, from Monday 21st June 2021 until Wednesday 23rd June 2021 or until completion of the works within this period. 759 School Bus service will be accommodated when the closure is in place.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: C116 Gaw Hill Lane, Aughton - C116 Small Lane, Aughton - C116 Fir Tree Lane, Aughton - B5195 Formby Lane, Aughton - B5195 Tumpike Road, Aughton - A59 Northway, Aughton - A59 Liverpool Road, Main Carriageway and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/29495/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C140 GRAVEL LANE, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C140 Gravel Lane, Banks from A565 Southport New Road, Banks to X9757 Mere Lane, Banks.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0900 hours until 1500 hours between Monday 7th June 2021 and Friday 11th June 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A565 Southport New Road, Banks - C140 Gravel Lane, Banks and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/29992/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
2021/0089/FUL Variation of condition Nos 2 & 3 on planning permission 2018/0466/FUL to allow an amendment to the approved finishes, roof lights and fence levels (retrospective) at Wartbreck Garden Centre, Lyelake Lane, Latham.
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2021/0555/FUL Two storey pitched roof rear extension and single storey flat roof rear extension at 14 Beech Road, Aughton.
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2021/0640/FUL Proposed stable block and all-weather outdoor riding surface at Coppyhold Farm, Carr House Lane, Wrightington.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2021/0648/FUL Seven woodland lodges and associated landscaping at Moor Hall Restaurant, Prescot Road, Aughton.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to planapps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
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Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 2nd June 2021
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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i. U533 Thanet, Skelmersdale in its entirety.
ii. U4079 Thornwood, Skelmersdale in its entirety.
iii. U4013 Thornbury, Skelmersdale in its entirety.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1800 hours between Monday 14th June 2021 and Friday 25th June 2021 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access for residents within the closures area will be accommodated whenever and wherever possible. Only one closure will be implemented at any one time.**
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is not possible owing to U533, Thanet, Skelmersdale, U4079 Thornwood, Skelmersdale and U4013 Thornbury, Skelmersdale all being no through roads.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
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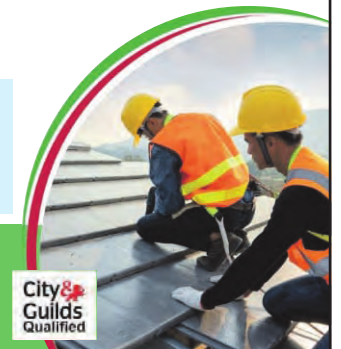
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FORGET gym memberships, self-help books and cutting out the carbs. If I wanted to know about slimming down, I'd be asking the chaps in charge of Renault's UK range.

During an idle of Bank Holiday web browsing I clicked onto the carmaker's French website and found no fewer than seven models that you can happily order if you live in its home market, but are absent from our showrooms in right-hand-drive form.

Some of them I'm not remotely surprised at, such as the Koleos, which was quietly axed here last year. It offers virtually everything its Nissan X-Trail cousin does, but with two fewer seats.

Nobody buys big MPVs these days either, so the current-gen Espace has never made it across the Channel, but you can't fail to raise an eyebrow that the Scenic no longer gets a ferry ticket either.

It's the same story with its slightly bigger sibling, the Grand Scenic, and while you can buy the Kangoo over here in van form, including in electric-only guise, the same is no longer true of its people-carrying cousin, if Renault's UK website is anything to go by.

La Regie has, however, decided to bring the Arkana over to these shores, with its UK arm taking orders as of this week.

Think of it as a sort of BMW X4 or a Mercedes-Benz GLC Coupé with a welcome helping of Gallic charm and you won't be far off.

It's got the ground clearance, chunky aesthetics and commanding driving position you'd expect from any of today's crossovers, but then Renault's lobbed a sizeable chunk off its upper echelons and given it a coupé-esque profile.

So that's five seats, five Euro NCAP stars, three trim levels and a choice of hybrid-assisted petrol engines – and if you go for the mild hybrid version, a boot that's bigger than the Kadjar's.

But the reason why I think it'll take off where clearly the Koleos and Espace haven't is because while it looks like an X4 or a GLE Coupé, it costs nearly twenty grand less. As much as coupé-esque crossovers aren't really my cup of tea, there's a steady queue of people who love the idea of a car that looks good and can handle the odd rutted track on the way to a campsite or National Trust house – and on the former, I think the Arkana is a good-looking car.

It's no Alfa 4C or Jaguar F-Type, but for a five-door family car that costs about the same as a Mondeo or an entry-level 1-Series, it offers a lot of sloping roofline for the money, and nobody else is really doing that at the moment – VW's ID4, when it arrives, will be electric-only, and while Kia's new Sportage won't be about to break any mirrors, it's still won't have the Arkana's look-at-me sloping roofline.

In fact, if anything the scalp the Arkana might be about to take is the poor old Kadjar's – both models cost about the same, but I wouldn't be surprised if a few people thinking about the older offering decide to go for the sleek new arrival instead, which is a shame because the Kadjar's still a thoroughly decent steer if you've looking for a five-seater family shifter.

Hopefully Renault's got room for both. Unless it's thinking of slimming down again...

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly



Renault has started taking orders for its coupé-inspired Arkana

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From domiciliary care services to residing in a care home, there are a wealth of options available for people looking for care and, whether it be for yourself or a loved one, there is no need to feel overwhelmed. If you're not sure where to begin when it comes to seeking care, the best place to start is almost always with the care service you need. By understanding the different types of care available, it'll be easier to find a care plan that suits you and your needs.

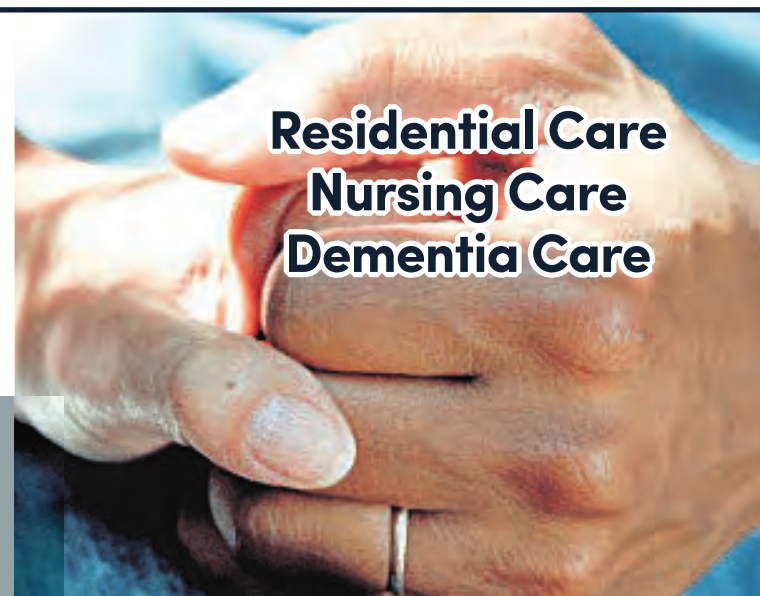


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As people get older, they may start to gradually need more care and support in order to lead a good quality of life. Domiciliary care can be one of the first options for care in the home.

What is domiciliary care?

Domiciliary care can be considered to be 'traditional' home care and is provided for those who need a little extra help but may not require full time support. It involves a carer paying visits at certain times in the day to carry out specific tasks such as personal care assistance or meal preparation.

These services are often delivered by a specialist home care agency who employ carers with specific training and expertise in providing care within the home.

This type of care at home is often chosen as it allows people to stay in their home even when their care needs begin to increase – although it's not suitable for everyone.

Usually, domiciliary care would be recommended if your loved one is unable to manage completely independently but doesn't need full-time help yet.



Who is domiciliary care for?

Every person is different, and so will require different levels of care and support especially as they age. Domiciliary care may not be suitable for everyone, but for some it offers the right balance between care and independence.

It's most suitable for those with less acute conditions, such as early-stage dementia where support is only needed at a minimal level. Or, in situations where families are able to offer a certain level of support.

For people with complex conditions and those who require a greater level of care and support, domiciliary care may not be appropriate. For

example, as dementia progresses domiciliary care may not provide the same continuity in care and routine that's required.

Where there isn't enough support provided or care needs become more advanced, there are other options such as live-in care. This offers around the clock support, with the same caregiver – providing an alternative solution for people with advancing care needs.



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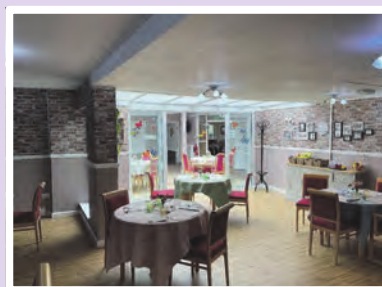
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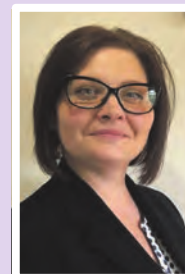
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If living at home independently is becoming too difficult for you or a loved one, then it may be time to consider what other options are available to you. Adapting the home is one such option, to help make life easier or maybe you could look at getting some support at home to help with those things that are becoming difficult. Sheltered housing or extra-care housing may suit you better as it allows you to live independently but with the added reassurance of the support provided by the scheme.

However, if you've made the decision that moving into a care home is the right option then it can give the individual the chance to focus on their health and well-being, whilst also providing the opportunity to meet new people and develop new friendships.

Choosing the right care home

Your care home should feel like home. It should be a happy and comfortable place to live. Do your research and find out as much as you can about the care homes in your chosen area, to help you to make an informed choice. Ideally, visit a few to get an idea of what they are like.

Before visiting a home :

- Make sure the home provides the level of care you require, both now and potentially in the future.
- Check if the home currently has vacancies and if it doesn't, find out how long the waiting list is.
- Check out the home's brochure or website before you visit. Call or email the home to speak to the staff or manager.
- Read the most recent inspection report for the home on the CQC website www.cqc.org.uk

What types of care home are available?

While all care homes offer accommodation and personal care, there are specialist types of care home that offer additional services for those with greater needs.

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This is particularly common when friends or family members are acting as a carer and allows them time to look after their own health and well-being. Respite care can also be required when the normal carer cannot offer the support needed at a certain time.

Dual-Registered Care Homes accept residents who require both personal care and nursing care. This means that someone who initially just needs personal care but later requires nursing care won't have to change homes..

Do your Research

Do your Research. Anyone can get access to information regarding a care home and see for yourself how the home functions. You can find these inspection reports by searching for the care home on the Care Quality Commission website www.cqc.org.uk Here you can find out if the home specialises in any particular services and see their overall rating.

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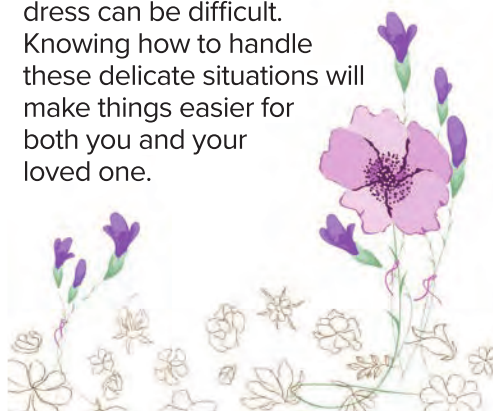
As we age, some of the things we take for granted, such as our vision, hearing and personal hygiene can deteriorate and become more difficult to us to take care of.

We must pay more attention to looking after our eyesight in older age. Lighting in the home can be an issue. At the age of 60, your eyes need three times the amount of light than they needed at 20 years of age. To make the most of your lighting at home keep your windows clean and pull the curtains back as far as possible. Ensure stairs are well lit and use a flexible table lamp for reading or close work. Everyone aged 60 and over qualifies for a free NHS-funded sight test, every 2 years. The test also looks for age-related changes as well as eye conditions such as cataracts, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and glaucoma, which can lead to sight loss. These conditions can be detected at an early stage, often before you've even noticed that anything is wrong.

Hearing problems can also be serious. If you notice signs such as difficulties in hearing people on the

telephone, or others complaining the TV volume is very high, then it may be time to seek professional advice. Hearing loss is extremely common and approximately one in three people between the age of 65 and 74 experience hearing loss.

When it comes to bathing there is usually a deeper cause for someone's refusal to wash than just "not wanting to". Bathrooms can become dangerous places for someone with reduced mobility who is unsteady on their feet. Those living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia may simply forget that they have not showered recently, whilst others may tire easily or suffer with shortness of breath. Helping someone bathe, shave and dress can be difficult. Knowing how to handle these delicate situations will make things easier for both you and your loved one.



Assisted Independent Living

For an older adult, the choice between assisted and independent living usually depends on how well an individual can manage daily activities without extra assistance. Examples of these activities include preparing meals, personal hygiene, managing medications and completing household chores. Someone who has difficulty with any of these may want to consider the maintenance-free lifestyle of an assisted living community.

Assisted Living

Assisted living is a great option for those who have difficulty with daily activities at home. Residents are free to live an independent lifestyle, but receive regular support for a range of daily activities from cleaning to meal preparation. Housekeeping and maintenance services are often included in the monthly rental of an apartment, along with laundry services, utilities, transportation and meals. In addition to enjoying the peace of mind that comes from this, residents can also take advantage of a full calendar of events, activities and other opportunities for social engagement.

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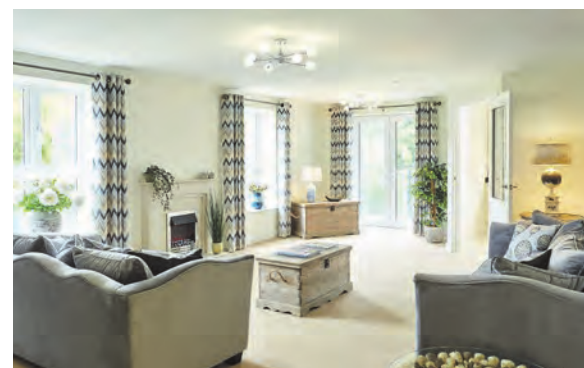
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Tasks that were once easy may have become more difficult and if this is the case, there are many types of adaptation and equipment that can make your life easier.

Larger adaptations

- Installing a downstairs bathroom
- Fitting a lift or stairlift
- Widening of doorways
- Lowering worktops in the kitchen
- Installing ramps and rails outside of the property

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Keeping Mobile

As we age, our bodies change, and moving around isn't as easy as it once was. But just because you can't do the things you were doing as a 20 year old, it doesn't mean you should stop trying to figure out ways to keep your body active. The best way to stay mobile is to not stop in the first place. We can't always control what happens to our bodies – genetics, emotional health and disease can change our abilities to stay mobile. It's important that you don't give up and keep looking for ways that work best for you to keep you independent as long as possible.

Balance can become an issue as we age. We just aren't as steady on our feet as we once were, and it makes falling more likely. Maintaining an active lifestyle and a healthy weight can help. Strength training is also a good way to improve your balance and it maintains muscle mass and can help with bone health. If exercise has been part of your daily routine since you were young, then make sure to keep walking, running, swimming

– whatever it is – that keeps you moving. It's not just about maintaining your health, it also helps ensure your independence for a lot longer. The NHS recommends that older adults should do some type of physical activity every day and that any activity is better than none. The more you do the better, even if it's just something light. Reduce time spent sitting or lying down and break up long periods of not moving with some activity.

If you have fallen or are worried about falling, doing exercises to improve your strength, balance and flexibility will help make you stronger and feel more confident.

Mobility Aids

If you're living with limited mobility there are a number of mobility aids available which can make it easier for you to get around – whether you're in your own home or outside.

So whether it's getting to and from your car or mobility equipment which



can help you when climbing the stairs, there is an extensive range of care and mobility aids that can assist you in making daily activities simpler and more enjoyable. Mobility aids can make a huge difference to someone who is older or living with a disability, by giving them the opportunity to remain independent both at home or when out and about.

The choice of equipment available for those living with mobility issues varies greatly depending on the individual's range of motion. However, mobility aids are often viewed negatively by older people and they can therefore

be reluctant to use them for fear of looking old or impaired by others. In fact, mobility aids could do with a new image to reflect the positive benefit they bring to people's lives. Someone who is worried about having a fall may be limiting when and where they go out. For them, a simple walking stick can give them the confidence boost they need to be able to meet up with friends or to walk down the road to collect the paper. The added bonus of exercise and the effect on a person's wellbeing from seeing people and getting fresh air is immeasurable.

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Being able to live at home independently for as long as possible is something that we all want but if you're not able to enjoy your home, this can affect you in many ways. If you are having difficulty accessing your home, can't manage the stairs or take a bath, you may benefit from having your home adapted.



West Lancashire Borough Council offers disabled facilities grants that can be used to pay for adaptations such as ramps, stairlifts and level access showers.

To apply directly to the Council for a grant you must be aged over 19 and be a home-owner, private tenant or housing association tenant and live in West Lancashire.

You must also be disabled or have a long-term health condition that restricts your ability to carry out basic daily tasks such as bathing or getting up and down the stairs. An occupational therapist or trusted assessor will be asked to assess you in your home to determine the type of adaptations that you need.

The grants are usually means tested but this is currently being waived so no financial

assessments will be carried out. You will only be assessed based on your need for an adaptation.

For more information contact the Private Sector Housing Team on **01695 585279**.

Adaptations for West Lancashire Borough Council tenants are dealt with separately. Contact the Property Services Team by email at property.serviceshousing@westlancs.gov.uk or ring on **01695 585292**.

Disabled facilities grants are also available for children. Referrals for a grant must come from a paediatric occupational therapist. If you do not have an occupational therapist, contact Lancashire County Council on **0300 123 6720** or speak to your GP.



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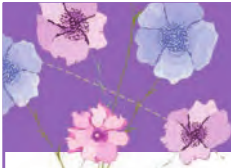
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Final Arrangements

Having conversations about the end of life can be difficult for anyone. This is especially true if we're talking to or about people we love. At the same time, final arrangements are something that will have to be handled at some point and when a friend or loved one dies, or death is expected to take place soon, there are many details to take care of. By planning ahead of that time, loved ones can save each other a lot of stress during a time of grief and afford themselves peace of mind in the meantime.

When you start making plans for the funeral of a loved one, it can be helpful to think through the following to ensure you're moving in the right direction.

- Did the deceased make their wishes clear?
- Did they leave any instructions about their funeral in a will, or did they discuss this with family members before their death?
- Should you opt for a cremation or burial?
- Is there a pre-paid funeral plan?
- What sort of ceremony do you and other relatives or friends want, if any?
- Do you wish to use a funeral director?

- What will the funeral cost?
- Who will pay for the funeral?
- What paperwork is needed?
- Who do you need to tell?

Choosing a funeral director

If you're recently bereaved and organising a funeral, it can be hard to think straight and make practical decisions — especially if it's all new to you. It can feel like just getting it done is the priority. While that's understandable, it's worth taking some time to weigh up your options. Here are some useful things to think about and questions you might want to ask, when choosing a funeral director.

What to think about before you approach a funeral director

Check if the person who's died left instructions in their will. They may have already considered the funeral director they want, perhaps through using them in the past, or family connections, and made a note in their will. This might also confirm if they wanted a cremation or a burial.

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Consider if they had a funeral plan in place.

Check their financial documents for signs of a prepaid plan. If it was bought from a provider that's registered with the Funeral Planning Authority (FPA), you may be able to find it by filling in a form on the FPA's website.

Ask family and friends for their views.

You don't have to take it all on your shoulders. Talking to family and friends might help with a personal recommendation for a funeral director. And it might also reveal some things you didn't know that might help guide your choice, or the type of funeral you choose.

Have a budget in mind.

Be realistic about your budget, and don't feel you need to spend more than you can afford, or more than what's available from the money they've left behind. There's nothing wrong with asking what the simplest service they offer would cost, or

opting for a pared-down funeral or direct cremation.

Questions to ask a funeral director

If they're a member of any professional associations.

To ensure high standards, ask if they're registered with an organisation that monitors standards and has a code of practice, like the NAFD or SAIF.

What's included, and what costs extra.

Ask for a quote that has a breakdown of the services included, so you can make a balanced judgement before the final invoice arrives.

Which services you have a choice about.

A funeral director can organise some or all of a funeral. So if you want to source the coffin, or arrange your own transport, check how flexible they can be.

Ask about the bill.

Do they need a deposit, and when will the full payment need to be made? You might want to also ask if it's possible to pay by instalments. If you need help with paying for a funeral, check your eligibility for a Funeral Expenses Payment.

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